## The Florida Senate

## **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12 Senator Wise, Chair Senator Bullard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

**TIME:** 1:15 —3:15 p.m. **PLACE:** 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Benacquisto, and Montford

| TAB | BILL NO. and INTRODUCER                          | BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS  | COMMITTEE ACTION           |
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| 1   | SB 700<br>Siplin<br>(Similar H 309)              | Education; Authorizes district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events. Provides legislative intent. Provides for severability.  ED 03/30/2011 Temporarily Postponed ED 04/05/2011 Temporarily Postponed JU RC   | Temporarily Postponed      |
| 2   | SB 1584<br>Sobel<br>(Identical H 1385)           | Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children; Creates the "Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children's Education Bill of Rights." Provides findings and purpose. Recognizes the unique communication needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and encourages the development of a communication-driven and language-driven educational delivery system in the state. Requires the Department of Education to develop a communication model to become part of the individual education plan process for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.  ED 04/05/2011 Favorable BC | Favorable<br>Yeas 3 Nays 0 |
| 3   | SB 1620<br>Flores<br>(Compare H 7197, CS/S 1546) | K-12 Educational Instruction; Adds statewide virtual providers to the list of public school choices. Authorizes the creation of a virtual charter school. Requires the virtual charter school to contract with an approved statewide virtual provider. Provides for funding of the virtual charter school. Provides for a blended-learning charter school. Provides that home education students may enroll in certain virtual education courses or courses offered in the school district in which they reside, etc.  ED 04/05/2011 Favorable BC    | Favorable<br>Yeas 3 Nays 0 |

Consideration of proposed committee bill:

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| 4   | SPB 7234                | District School Board Members; Removes provisions relating to base salary and additional compensation for a district school board member. Prohibits district school board members from receiving more than a \$100 stipend per school board meeting. Provides that the stipend does not constitute compensation for retirement purposes. Provides reimbursement for travel expenses. Prohibits district school board members from receiving any compensation while serving. Provides for application, etc. | Submitted as Committee Bill |

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